

**Title 6 – Department of Higher Education
Division 10 – Commissioner of Higher Education
Chapter 2 – Student Financial Assistance Program**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

6 CSR 10-2.170 Kids' Chance Scholarship Program. The commissioner is amending sections (1), (3), and (5).

PURPOSE: This amendment updates gender-specific language, clarifies the citizenship requirement, and adds a policy for award disbursement and delivery.

(1) Definitions.

[(I) His, him, or he shall apply equally to the female as well as the male sex.]

[(J)](I) Initial recipient means any applicant who has filed an accurate and complete application by the deadline established by the CBHE for the Kids' Chance program and has not received a Kids' Chance award in any prior academic year.

[(K)](J) Institution of postsecondary education or approved institution means any institution located in the state of Missouri that meets the requirements set forth in sections 173.1102(2) or (3), RSMo, and that has been approved under 6 CSR 10-2.140.

[(L)](K) Kids' Chance or scholarship program shall mean the Kids' Chance Scholarship Program set forth in sections 173.254 through 173.258, RSMo.

[(M)](L) Kids' Chance Inc. of Missouri means the registered Missouri nonprofit corporation established to provide scholarships for tuition, education materials, living expenses, and other related incidental expenses for education to children of employees who have been seriously injured or killed in work-related accidents which have been either judicially determined to be, or accepted as, compensable under the Missouri Workers' Compensation Law, or any corresponding provisions of any future Missouri law.

[(N)](M) Missouri *[residency]***citizen**, for the purpose of this rule, shall be *[determined by reference to]***a U.S. citizen or permanent resident who meets** the standards set forth in the determination of student residency rule, 6 CSR 10-3.010.

[(O)](N) Renewal recipient means any applicant who has received a Kids' Chance award and who has filed an accurate and complete application by the deadline established by the department for the Kids' Chance program.

[(P)](O) Satisfactory academic progress means meeting the requirements established by the approved institution in which the student is enrolled for students at the approved institution to receive assistance under Title IV financial aid programs included in the Higher Education Act of 1965, with the exception of grade point average.

[(Q)](P) Scholarship assistance, award, or funds shall be an amount of money paid by Missouri to a qualified applicant pursuant to the provisions of this rule.

[(R)](Q) Serious injury shall be an injury that led to a paid settlement or judicial award that can be identified by the injured party's inclusion on the Dependent Outreach List provided by the Missouri Division of Worker's Compensation.

(3) Eligibility Policy. To qualify for an award, an initial or renewal recipient, at the time of *[his]* application and throughout the period during which *[he]***the recipient** receives the award, must:

(B) Be a *[U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or otherwise lawfully present in the United States, in accordance with section 208.009, RSMo]***Missouri citizen as defined in subsection (1)(M) of this rule;**

(5) Award Policy.

(A) Kids' Chance awards shall be allotted for one (1) award year, but an applicant shall be eligible for renewed assistance until *[he]***the applicant** has reached the age of twenty-two (22) years, except the applicant may receive such scholarship assistance through the completion of the semester or similar grading period in which the eligible child reaches *[his twenty-second year]***twenty-two (22) years of age.**

(C) Within the limits of amounts appropriated therefore, a renewal recipient may continue to receive an award so long as *[he]***the recipient:**

1. Maintains a cumulative grade point average of at least two and one-half (2.5) on a four-point (4.0) scale, or its equivalent;
2. Maintains satisfactory academic progress; and
3. Otherwise meets the criteria of the Kids' Chance program.

(N) The applicant's award will be sent to the approved institution to be delivered to the student's account. The institution shall retain the portion of the award that the student owes for expenses and promptly give the applicant any remaining funds.

[(N)](O) An applicant's failure to provide an accurate and complete application or any additional information by any deadline may result in loss of the Kids' Chance award.

[(O)](P) The CBHE may withhold payment of any Kids' Chance award after initiating an inquiry into the initial or continued eligibility of a student or into the approved status of an institution.

[(P)](Q) A student may transfer the Kids' Chance award from one (1) approved institution in Missouri to another without losing eligibility for assistance, but the CBHE shall make any necessary adjustments in the amount of the award.

AUTHORITY: section 173.254, RSMo [2000]Supp. 2013. Original rule filed Dec. 15, 2008, effective June 30, 2009. Amended: Filed June 15, 2016.*

**Original authority: 173.254, RSMo 1998.*

PUBLIC COST: This proposed amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred (\$500) in the aggregate.

PRIVATE COST: This proposed amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred (\$500) in the aggregate.

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